

H-1156

1 Amend the amendment, H-1105, to House File 548 as
2 follows:

3 1. By striking page 1, line 4, through page 2, line
4 30, and inserting:

5 <<Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 476.58 Safety of
6 distributed generation facilities — disconnection
7 device required — rules.

8 1. For purposes of this section:

9 a. "*Disconnection device*" means a lockable visual
10 disconnect or other disconnection device capable of
11 disconnecting and de-energizing the residual voltage in
12 a distributed generation facility.

13 b. "*Distributed generation facility*" means any of
14 the following:

15 (1) A cogeneration facility or a small power
16 production facility that is a qualifying facility under
17 18 C.F.R. pt. 292, subpt. B, used by an interconnection
18 customer to generate electricity that operates in
19 parallel with the electric distribution system, and
20 that typically includes an electric generator and the
21 equipment required to interconnect safely with the
22 electric distribution system or local electric power
23 system.

24 (2) An alternate energy production facility as
25 defined in section 476.42.

26 (3) A small hydro facility as defined in section
27 476.42.

28 c. "*Electric distribution system*" means the
29 facilities and equipment owned and operated by an
30 electric utility that are used to transmit electricity
31 to ultimate usage points from interchanges with higher
32 voltage transmission networks which transport bulk
33 power over long distances and that generally operate at
34 less than one hundred kilovolts of electricity.

35 d. "*Electric meter*" means a device used by an
36 electric utility that measures and registers the
37 integral of an electrical quantity with respect to
38 time.

39 e. "*Electric utility*" means a public utility that
40 furnishes electricity to the public for compensation.

41 f. "*Interconnection customer*" means a person that
42 interconnects a distributed generation facility to an
43 electric distribution system.

44 2. Consistent with the board's safety jurisdiction
45 pursuant to section 476.1, the board shall adopt
46 rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the safe
47 installation and operation of interconnections
48 between distributed generation facilities and electric
49 distribution systems. The rules shall include but not
50 be limited to the following:

1 a. A requirement that a disconnection device be
2 installed at a location that is easily visible and
3 adjacent to an interconnection customer's electric
4 meter. For installations placed in service prior to
5 July 1, 2015, a requirement that an interconnection
6 customer provide and attach a permanent placard at the
7 electric meter that clearly identifies the presence
8 and location of disconnection devices for distributed
9 generation facilities on the property.

10 b. A requirement that interconnection customers
11 notify local paid or volunteer fire departments of
12 the location of distributed generation facilities and
13 associated disconnection devices upon completion of
14 installation and procedures for such notifications.

15 c. Procedures for electric utilities to deny or
16 disconnect service for safety reasons to a person who
17 does not comply with rules adopted pursuant to this
18 subsection.

19 3. Procedures and requirements provided in rules
20 adopted pursuant to subsection 2 shall apply to all
21 electric utilities and all interconnection customers
22 in this state. However, only those rule provisions
23 concerning interconnections between distributed
24 generation facilities and electric distribution systems
25 and safety issues shall apply to utilities over which
26 the board's jurisdiction is limited by section 476.1A
27 or 476.1B.

28 4. This section shall not be construed to expand
29 the board's jurisdiction over a utility over which
30 the board's jurisdiction is limited by section 476.1A
31 or 476.1B. This section shall not be construed to
32 authorize the board to require that an installation
33 or connection of a distributed generation facility,
34 disconnection device, or interconnection between
35 a distributed generation facility and an electric
36 distribution system be performed by a licensed
37 electrician, installer, or professional engineer. This
38 section shall not be construed to require inspection
39 of a distributed generation facility, disconnection
40 device, or interconnection between a distributed
41 generation facility and an electric distribution system
42 pursuant to chapter 103.>

43 ____. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and
44 inserting <An Act requiring the Iowa utilities board to
45 adopt administrative rules relating to the safety of
46 distributed electric generation facilities.>>